GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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HAL AIRPORT
MOHAN RAWALE

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether HAL Airport in Bangalore is a Defence airport;

(b) if so, whether the airport's security is vulnerable as one can enter the airport through Bellandur lake or even by jumping the boundary walls; and

(c) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken to ensure security of this airport?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR DEFENCE PRODUCTION & SUPPLIES (SHRI HARIN PATHAK)

(a) The Airport in question belongs to Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, a Public Sector Undertaking under the Ministry of Defence and is used by various organisations under the Ministry of Defence as well as for civil flights.

(b) & (c): Adequate security measures have been taken. There is a 10 feet high perimeter wall with barbed wire, all around the aerodrome including the side facing the Bellandur lake. The enclosed area is patrolled by security personnel round the clock along a track inside the perimeter wall. The entry and exit points are manned by security personnel. The civil aircraft apron, the various terminal buildings, and the air traffic control stations are also guarded.